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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Lieutenant General Edward J. Heinz, USAF  
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT: Response to Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
Report on New Staffing Arrangements at US Missions  
in Criteria Countries

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1. Attached are proposed letters for your signature to the Chairmen of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI). They respond to a request by the SSCI, contained in its classified report on the FY 1988 National Foreign Intelligence Program budget, for the DCI, in conjunction with the Interagency Group on Counterintelligence (IG/CI), to study alternative means for staffing support and security positions at US diplomatic facilities in criteria countries. The report also requested that the response be directed to both the SSCI and the HPSCI by 1 March 1988.

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2. The nature of the response to the SSCI request was considered by the IG/CI at its last two meetings. IG/CI consideration determined that the request had been overtaken by events, which placed it in a different light. In the months following the request, various reports were produced that examined the wide spectrum of security concerns generated by revelations of security compromises at certain missions overseas. You and the Secretary of State reviewed the various reports and forwarded to the President joint recommendations for improving security overseas. The Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs responded on behalf of the President, and advised you and the Secretary that the recommendations represented a workable framework within which to achieve an improved operational and security environment.

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3. The attached letters to the SSCI and HPSCI, reflecting actions cited above and other related considerations, were approved by the IG/CI members at a meeting on 21 January 1988. The letters note that given the magnitude and developing nature of executive efforts to implement an integrated security program overseas, it is believed that the best approach to satisfying the thrust of the request is to treat the issue of support and security staffing as an integral part of our overall efforts to improve security. They reveal that in October 1987 the President directed you to report annually to him and the Congress on the status of security at US missions. Finally, they inform the SSCI and HPSCI that you will work with the Secretary of State to design this report in a way that satisfies SSCI reporting requirements as set forth in its request. [REDACTED]

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4. Recommend you sign the attached letters to the SSCI and HPSCI. [REDACTED]

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Lieutenant General, USAF

Attachments:  
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